अंतःप्रवाह तथा अनुमोदनों के बीच में अंतर के विभिन्न कारण हैं जैसे परिपक्वता अवधि, वित्तीय सम्पत्ति, भूमि अधिग्रहण इत्यादि। अंतःप्रवाहों की वसूली में देरी ज्यादातर वृहद परियोजनाओं में होती है जैसे बिजली, दूरसंचार अवसंरचना इत्यादि जो परिपक्वता अवधि अधिक होने तथा परियोजनाओं की आवश्यकताओं के अनुसार विभिन्न चरणों में राशि जारी करने के कारण होती है।

Changes desired by U.S. in the Patent Act

2974. SHRI K.M. SAIFULLAH: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the United States wants certain changes in the Patent Act, which has been passed recently;

(b) if so, the details of their objection; and

(c) the details of India's reply thereto?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI SIKANDER BAKHT): (a) to (c) The United States (US) requested for consultations with India on certain provisions in the amendments made to the Patents Act, 1970 including those applicable to mailbox and exclusive marketing rights and the provisions in relation to compulsory licensing.

The position of the Government of India was clarified to the US at the meeting held in Geneva in February, 1999.

Expert Group for revival of PSUs

2975. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have set up an expert group to examine the possibility of reviving sick public sector undertakings under the Department of Heavy Industry;

(b) if so, the names of the members of the expert group; and

(c) the names of the public sector undertakings which are to be examined?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI SUKHBIR SINGH BADAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The composition of the Expert Group is as follows:

(1) Shri H.C. Gandhi (Former Secretary, Ministry of Industry & former CMD, BYNL)

(2) Dr. R.K.D. Shah (Former CMD, BHEL)

(3) Shri Dipankar Basu (Former Chairman, SBI)

(4) Shri D.K. Gupta (Former, CMD, HCL)

(5) Shri B.D. Jethra, Adviser (I&M), Planning Commission.

(c) The Group has been asked to examine the following PSUs:

Mining & Allied Machinery Corporation (MAMC);
Bharat Opthalmic Glass Limited (BOGL);
Rehabilitation Industries Corporation (RIC);
Tannery & Footwear Corporation (TAFCO);
Bharat Process & Mechanical Engineers Ltd. (BPME);
Weighbird India Ltd. (WIL) and
Nationl Bicycle Corporation of India Ltd. (NBCIL)

Functioning of Industries in H.P.

2976. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Industries in the Private, Government and Limited sectors which are functioning in Himachal Pradesh, district-wise;

(b) whether funds have been allocated by the Central Government, State Government or other agencies;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) what steps have been taken by Government to promote the small scale industries in the State?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI SIKANDER BAKHT): (a) Details of district wise functioning industries in Himachal Pradesh is not centrally maintained. However, the list of manufacturing units (non-SSI sector) located in Himachal Pradesh (district-wise) as available with the Ministry of Industry, is given in the Annexure (See Appendix 186, Annexure No. 48). In addition, as per details available with the Development Commissioner of Small Scale Industries, in December, 1997 there were 15022 registered small-scale units in the State of Himachal Prdesh.

(b) to (d) The focus of economic reforms has been to facilitate investment decisions by investors and to minimize direct public investment for setting up industries. The Central Government only supplements the efforts of the State Governments to accelerate industrial growth within the State.

The Central Government has taken various initiatives for promotion of small scale industries in Himachal Pradesh. Two Integrated Infrastructure Development Centres have been sanctioned at village Bhamla, Distt. Mandi and Village Gwalthai, Distt. Bilaspur. Besides, the Central Government is implementing a number of Plan schemes for development of small scale industries viz. The Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana, Entrepreneur Development Programme, Export Promotion, etc. Small Industries Service Institute at Solan also provides consultancy/technical advice, common service facilities etc. for development of small-scale industries in the State. Under the Growth Centres Scheme of the Central Government one Growth Centre has been approved in Distt. Kangra for implementation by the State Government. Central assistance of Rs. 450 lakhs has already been released towards the Growth Centre. Similarly, under the Transport Subsidy Scheme of 1971, the Central Government has released Rs. 117.57 Crores, since the inception of the Scheme till 31.3.99, to the State of Himachal Pradesh as subsidy under this scheme.

Availability of funds under PMRY

2977. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether too much hardship is being faced in availability of funds from banks under the Prime Minister Rozgar Yojana in the hilly areas of Himachal Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of unemployed youth benefitted by this scheme in Mandi, Kangra, Kullu, Chamba, Kalpa and Lahuolspiti during the last three years, the details thereof, district-wise?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI SIKANDER BAKHT): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise, in view of the above.

(c) A statement showing number of unemployed youths benefitted in Mandi, Kangra, Kullu, Chamba, Kalpa and Lahuolspiti districts of Himachal Pradesh during the last three years, i.e. from 1995-96, 1996-97 and 1997-98 under the Prime Minister Rozgar Yojana as reported by the State Government is enclosed below.